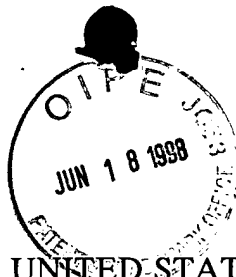


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Applicant: Yutaka Machida : Art Unit:
Serial No.: 09/050,808 : Examiner:
Filed: March 30, 1998 :
FOR: DECODING AND CODING METHOD :
OF MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL, AND :
DECODING AND CODING APPARATUS OF :
MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL USING THE SAME :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Subject to approval by the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, please amend Figures 3 and 4 as indicated in red on the enclosed marked-up copies of the drawings under separate cover with a Letter to the Official Draftsperson.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 8, line 3, change "307 Variable length code decoding means" to --307 Variable length coding means--.

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